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RATES FOR INTERNAL REFORMING OF FUEL IN SOLID
OXIDE FUEL CELLS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

The office communication, dated April 8, 2008, states restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. § 1.121 between invention Group I covering claims 1-16 drawn to a solid oxide fuel cell and invention Group II covering claims 17-24 drawn to a method of controlling kinetic rates for internal reforming of fuel in solid oxide fuel cells (page 1).

In response, Applicants elect *without traverse* to prosecute Group I comprising claims 1-16 drawn to a solid oxide fuel cell.

The office communication further states that the invention Groups I and II are related as product and process of use (page 1). In the event that a product claim of Group I is found allowable, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of process claims 17-24 of the invention Group II pursuant to MPEP 821.04.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this application is requested. If the Examiner notes any minor errors, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned so that the matter can be promptly handled by Examiner's amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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